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LB 42, 75, 81, 96, 193, 240, 337  
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**PRESIDENT:** While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign engrossed LB 339, LB 42, 75, 81, 96, 193, 240, 337 and LB 338.

I assume that with Senator Warner on deck we can proceed with our item six on the agenda. Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, Senator Warner had offered a rules change. It was found originally on page 26 of the Journal. That rules change was referred to the Rules Committee for public hearing. That committee was held. Senator Morehead, as Chair of that committee, has reported the rules change to the floor. Her report is on page 526 of the Journal. You will find the substantive rule change itself, however, on page 26.

**PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes Senator Morehead, Chairman of the Rules Committee.

**SENATOR MOREHEAD:** Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Warner had proposed this rule change as it affects Section 8 of our rules...we'll back up here, the Rules Chairman is unorganized this morning, which would eliminate the prerequisite that we adopt a spending resolution, which we have not done the last two or three years. After much political rhetoric on the floor, much attention from the press, we still could reach no conclusion on this, so I would ask Senator Warner to present his case and then we will all join in.

**PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

**SENATOR WARNER:** Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, in order to discuss this issue and I think it would be appropriate to go back and discuss with you how this concept started, how it has functioned and why I think a change would be beneficial to the process as well as procedurally be the correct thing to do. Those of you that were here in the late '70s will recall that in a time of inflation that was running in sometimes double digits, that without adjusting rates, why you inevitably raised significantly more revenue every year. And there was growing concern that...and legislation introduced to put some curtailments on the percentage expansion that state government, as well as other governmental subdivisions, and